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To: Renatta B. Hesse
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Dear Sir,

The antitrust case against Microsoft was unfortunate. But it shows that Microsoft is willing to work with its competitors to create an equal playing field. Future mishaps are unlikely to occur with a Three-Person Technical Committee. Additionally, I understand that Microsoft will share code with its competitors which will allow them to place their own programs on the operating system.

As a recent retiree, I know that the job market is extremely volatile, and competition tends to create jobs. However, this settlement will allow Microsoft to refocus its direction in business and new technology with a renewal of the vigor which it has well demonstrated which will also create new jobs.

With the information technology industry in a slump, this settlement provides a dose of medicine to a slowing economy; which should help revitalize other IT companies across the country.

Best regards

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